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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a Response to Restriction Requirement of K. Nito, et al. in the above-identified patent application.

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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S I R:

This amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated March 19, 2002. Please reconsider the application in view of the amendment and remarks presented below.

**ELECTION OF CLAIMS**

In the Office Action, the Examiner requested an election of claims pursuant to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 between Group I claims 1-5 and 44-48; Group II claims 6-19, 73-86, 111-124 and 149-162; Group III claims 20-31, 42, 49-60, 87-98 and 125-136; and Group IV claims 32-41, 43, 61-72, 99-110 and 137-148.

In response, applicant hereby elects examination of Group II claims 6-19, 73-86, 111-124 and 149-162.

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